

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 14-24 contain allowable subject matter and will be allowed once the objections to the specification and the rejection of the claims is overcome.

Accordingly, by this Amendment, the specification is amended, and claims 14-24 are amended to at least correct minor grammatical errors and to conform the claims according to commonly accepted US patent practice. No new matter is presented in this Amendment.

The specification is amended to include headings to render the specification in a better format, as requested by the Examiner. The Examiner further objects to the disclosure under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, asserting that the junction paragraph between pages 4 and 5, is not clear as to what the “area-measured elements” and “disk-shaped elements” refer. The objection is obviated by the amendments to the specification that clarify translation introduced ambiguities. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the disclosure is respectfully requested.

Claims 14-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. Claim 14 is amended to delete the phrase “in particular a gas turbine component.” Furthermore, claim 19 is amended to more clearly recite the claimed subject matter. Specifically, claim 19 is amended to recite wherein the elements are added in such a manner that, once added, the temperature of the molten mass is greater than 1550 degrees Celsius and returns to the pre-added temperature within fifteen minutes. In addition, claim 22 is amended to more clearly recite wherein the elements added have an “optimized geometry,” as disclosed in the amended paragraph beginning at page 4, line 29, of the specification.

All objections and rejections have been addressed. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 11-0219 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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